Mr. Stanhope

FOR

WESTMINSTER.

SEveral of the principal Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, having propos'd to themſelves the Honour of being repreſented in the enſuing Parliament by *James Stanhope*, Eſq; General and Commander in Chief of Her Majeſty's Forces in *Spain*; have thought fit to communicate and recommend to their Fellow-Citizens, their Motives for chuſing him above all other Candidates (that do or can appear,) as excelling them in

QUALITY,

PERSONAL CHARACTER, ABILITIES,

And SERVICES.

A Man's BIRTH ought to be a Recommendation of his Virtue, tho' no Defence to his Vice: For the doing Honour to Men of good Deſcent, is a Gratitude to the Services of their Anceſtors, whom we behold well repreſented in themſelves. For this Part of Mr. *Stanhope*'s Character we need ſay no more, than that he is of the collateral Line of the Houſe of *Cheſterfield*; the Head of which is at this Time the profeſſed Favourer of his Pretentions. The Earl of *Cheſterfield* has ever been well known for a zealous Friend of the Worſhip and Doctrine of the Church in its greateſt Purity; and is an Inſtance, by his late Behaviour, how much Men who regard the Church out of Principle, have Reaſon to be alarm'd at the Proceedings of ſome Men who affect the Word *Church*, and endeavour to deſtroy the Doctrine ſignify'd by it. The Earl of *Cheſterfield* is intirely with us, from Experience of thoſe, who oppoſe the preſent Tranquility of the Kingdom, by making Moderation (the beſt Meaſure of Behaviour both of Chriſtians and of Men of Senſe,) a Word obnoxious to Reproach.

As to his PERSONAL CHARACTER and ABILITIES. Mr. *Stanhope* is acknowledged to be a Gentleman of uſeful Learning, manly Eloquence, and publick Spirit.

At the Beginning of the War he writ a moſt excellent Tract, wherein he ſet forth what was at that Time *the preſent Intereſt of* England. The chief Purpoſe of it was to ſhew, the Neceſſity of reducing *Spain* to the Obedience of the Houſe of *Auſtria*. Here it is impoſſible not to reflect upon the great Felicity of this noble Genius; that he, the ſame who aſſerted the Neceſſity of conquering *Spain*, a private Man, ſhould have the Execution of it as a General! We may very well hope that great and important Revolution is wholly effected; and if it be ſo, it cannot be denied but that it is principally owing to the Genius and Conduct of this Gentleman. And Marſhal *Staremberg* that great and wiſe General, againſt all other Appearances promiſed himſelf good Conſequences from the noble Ardour of this glorious Youth at the Head of his Countrymen, who took the Onſet upon them. They perform'd it with the higheſt Gallantry, and Mr. *Stanhope* oppoſing himſelf to all the Hazards of the Battle and animating the Troops by his Example, turn'd the Day to the Honour of his Queen and Country. It has been the Cuſtom of all Ages to receive in a triumphtnt Manner ſuch Merit as this is: But we ask not Triumphs or Ovations for theſe important finiſhing Services in a bloody and expenſive War; we do not ask Rewards, we aim only at further Service. We are to behold on this Occaſion, a young Man in the Flower of his Age, crown'd with Laurels and applauded by all Mankind, in a ſuppliant Manner beſeeching our Votes, to ſerve us; to ſpeak for us; to ſpeak, which he can do as well as he has fought, for our Eſtates and for our Liberties.

In Caſes of this Nature, ſince we take it for granted that we ſhould principally conſider Men only as they regard the Publick; it is but fair that the publick Characters of his Oppoſers ſhould be juſtify'd at the ſame time. It happens that all the Merit of both the other Candidates towards the Publick Service reſpects only that Branch of Her Majeſty's Revenue call'd the Exciſe. Mr. *Croſſe* is an eminent Brewer in *Weſtminſter*: And Mr. *Medlycot* does great Service in regulating Quart-Pots and Meaſures, as he is Deputy-Steward of *Weſtminſter*.

When we come therefore to cry up the Merits of Men at the Appearance for this City in the enſuing Election, the contending Parties will huſſa

Saragoſſa, *and* Madrid.	*Full Quarts,*
	Full Quarts.
A Peace, Peace.	*Sound Beer,*
	Sound Beer.

Thus upon the Diſproportion which there is between *not cheating* and *obliging* all Mankind, we propoſe to our ſelves Succeſs in Behalf of this Gentleman; and from thence muſt take our Calculations of the Senſe of Glory and Liberty which is at preſent in Being in that City which is honoured with the Reſidence of the Court of *Great Britain*.